



Peace be with you

JOHN 20:19



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**"In an atmosphere of love and unity we seek to spread the gospel through
worship and service to all people."**

Watchword for the Week: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
1 Peter 1:3

Prelude

Mr. Fabio Alvarez

Call to Worship & Daily Text ... April 23, 2017

Rev. Nigel Powell

***Introit**

The Chancel Choir

***Processional Hymn #782 "Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing"**

***General Liturgy pg. 31**

Sis. Atiya Cobbs

Liturgical Dance

United Angels

Welcome & Announcements

Bro. Emiel Henry

Birthday/Anniversary Hymn #447 "With Your Presence, Lord"

***Greeting Hymn "I Am Blessed"**

***Praise and Worship**

Praise and Worship Team

Prayer of Intercession

The Prayer Warriors

Sunday School Skit

#1st Scripture Reading

Acts 2:14,22-32

Sis. Shareen Simon Edwards

2nd Scripture Reading

1Peter 1:3 - 9

Bro. Andre Collette

***Choral Response #846**

"Glory be to you, O Lord"

***THE GOSPEL**

John 20:19-31

Sis. Goldine Nicholas

***Choral Response #846 "Praise, Praise, Praise, Praise"**

Worship through Song

The Chancel Choir

SERMON "Riding Through The Storm"

Bro. Stephen James Sr.

***Hymn # 705**

"My Faith Looks Trustingly"

***Offertory Sentence:**

"Give and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38)

***Dedication of Tithes & Offering:**

Lord Jesus, we ask you to help us in our living and our giving to practice your holy principle of goodwill. May these gifts of our tithes and offerings be taken as a reflection of our generosity of spirit towards others and be used for the furtherance of your kingdom on earth.

Tithes and Offerings Hymn #625 "I Love to Tell the Story"

***Ascription of Praise #815 "Our Tithes and Off'rings, Lord, We Bring"**

The Sunday School

***Benediction**

Rev. Nigel Powell

***Recessional Hymn #460 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

Organ Postlude (Congregation seated)

Mr. Fabio Alvarez

#Means the lesson is read responsively. * Means that the congregation stands.

WELCOME

On behalf of the United Moravian Church I extend a warm welcome to everyone as we gather to worship the Lord on the day we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter. May we share and experience the love of Jesus; find healing for our hurts and answers to our prayers. Visitors, we are especially glad that you are here with us. Please join us for a moment of fellowship in the Social Hall after our worship. We invite you to worship with us again and please join our fellowship if you are seeking a church home. May God bless you.

Announcements April 23, 2017

- Please join us for Bible Study this Wednesday at 6:30 pm.
- We are saddened to report a loss in the Powell family. Josephine Jones, Sis. Maxine Powell's mother, went home to Glory this past Friday morning. Let us pray for the family's strength & comfort during this difficult time.
- The Board of Elders is seeking to dedicate one Sunday per month as Lay Sunday. This is a time when members of the laity will be invited to preach the sermon and lead the worship service. This Lay Sunday shall be on 4th Sunday's and is intended to begin in April. Please share your comments or questions with the Pastor or any Elder.

- **Today, Tremont Terrace Moravian Church celebrates their 165th anniversary. All are invited to their service this afternoon at 4:00 pm. Rev. David Bennett will be the guest speaker.**
- **A Health Talk session will be held here today right after service.**
- **The nomination form for the 2017 Mother of the Year is in your bulletin. Please give a Board Elder your nomination by Sunday, May 7th.**
- **This Saturday, April 29th, Grace Moravian is hosting "Blended & Blessed", a livestreamed event filled with inspirational and thought provoking discussions. Interested? Please pick up information on the rack, or call Grace at 718-723-2681.**
- **Sis. Alma Thompson is currently staying at the Amsterdam House for therapy after surgery. She would love to hear from her church family. Sister's number is 212-634-6186.**
- **Confirmation Class for children will begin soon. Please collect a Membership application and submit it to any Elder or the church office. The applications are on the rack.**
- **On Saturday May 13th the YOU YAC members are hosting a Mother's Day Scholarship Banquet at Eastwood Manor in the Bronx. Proceeds from this event support the Benjamin Joseph Scholarship Fund. The latest recipients are 2015 & 2016 graduates. The affair is from 1:00 - 6:00 pm and tickets are \$75, per person. Please see any YOU/YAC member for tickets.**
- **Members Offering envelopes will be available in the Narthex for anyone who needs to replenish their supply.**
- **A few seats are left to join the Busy Bees on their May 26th -29th trip to Washington D.C. See a Busy Bee member today to make your reservation.**
- **The Jamaica Group of United will host their Annual Night of Nostalgia on Saturday May 20, 2017 at 4:00 pm here in the Social Hall. Ms. Yvonne Pura (Chimmy Lady) and in-house talent will entertain the audience. Donations are: adults \$30 & children \$15. There will be finger licking food, music, fun, laughter, prizes and surprises. Please contact any Jamaica Group member for tickets.**
- **United's Men's Fellowship will host an Evening of Entertainment on Friday, June 16th at Eastwood Manor in the Bronx. Tickets are \$90, per person. Contact any Fellowship member for tickets. Flyers are also on the rack.**
- **Don't forget to reserve your slot for the trip to Canada with the Antigua Barbuda Group today. See Sis. Elfrieda Daniel or retrieve a flyer from the rack for more information.**
- **You can check your blood pressure here at United in the new Medical Office, Br. Donovan's former room, on Sundays after church.**

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Tristan Huggins	2 nd	Nyasias Nicholas	12 th
Minerva Joseph	2 nd	Gertrude Weaver	13 th
Patelina Joseph	4 th	Jere' Campbell	17 th
Glenneisha Hazel	5 th	Iris Morrison	20 th
Etta Chambers	6 th	Glenroy Aska	20 th
Cicely Cornelius	6 th	Claire Martin-McKay	23 rd
Maynel Thompson Sr.	6 th	Maynel Thompson Jr.	23 rd
Asment Benjamin	7 th	Adrian Lumsden	27 th
Mercelle Mason	7 th	Alexander Lumsden	27 th
Zenna Reid	8 th	Stephanie Grant	28 th
Eunice Merchant	9 th	Alexis Thompson	28 th
Ena Morgan	10 th	Meshelle Edwards	28 th
Wynton Pelle	11 th	St. Clair Knowles	30 th
Philbert Jeffrey	11 th		

COMING EVENTS

Apr.29-	Board Members On-Site Training
Apr. 30-	Worship Service
May 7-	Worship Service & Holy Communion
Sat. May 13 th	Benjamin Joseph Luncheon
May 14-	Mother's Day Service
Sat. May 20-	Jamaica Night
May 21-	Worship Service
May 26-29-	Busy Bees D.C. Trip
May 28-	Worship Service
Mon. May 29-	Memorial Day Bus Trip

Social Hour Schedule

1 st Sunday	Jamaica Group
2 nd Sunday	Sis. Grant/Antigua Group
3 rd Sunday	Moravian Women/Busy Bees
4 th Sunday	YOU/YAC
5 th Sunday	Men's Fellowship

**PRAY & GIVE SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**Sis. Jannette Abel
Sis. Joyce Anderson
Sis. Alicia Benjamin
Sis. Ena Billy
Sis. Anna Bishop
Bro. Tralane Donovan
Sis. Elaine Elvin
Sis. Hyacinth Isaacs
Sis. Millicent Hodge
Sis. Eva Joseph
Sis. Minerva Joseph
Sis. Carmelita Keith
Sis. Rose Lemond
Sis. Zenna Reid
Sis. Alma Thompson
Bro. Maynel Thompson Sr.
Bro. Alvin Williams
Bro. Luvey Williams
Sis. Iris Woodley**

When we are not in the best of health it is always comforting to know prayers and support are available. Remember those who are unable to join us week to week. To add them to our list of infirmed members call the church office at 212-722-2109.

Listening to the Sermon

Use the space provided below to make your personal notes. Reflect prayerfully and thoughtfully on them over the coming week. Seek the help of the Holy Spirit to apply God’s truth to your heart and life.

SERMON TITLE

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Main Points to remember

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Having heard the sermon, I have decided on the following:

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Jesus Is with You

After revealing himself to Mary Magdalene on Easter morning, Jesus sent her to share the glad news of his resurrection with his disciples. We may never understand their state of mind when they received the news from Mary, or whether they even believed her. But later that same Sunday afternoon this little group of disciples were locked in a house, frightened and fearful. Jesus their friend was not with them, and they realized that they were now the targets of his enemies.

These disciples had witnessed the brutal death of their friend, and now they were afraid for their own lives. But in that time of fear and deep despair, Jesus showed up in their midst and offered them his consolation: "Peace be with you." Then he showed them the wounds in his hands and side. There are times when we may feel just how those disciples felt: Alone.

At times we may feel that Jesus has forgotten about us, especially in times of need, distress, and illness. Sometimes we may feel overwhelmed by the many challenges in our lives, and feel as if the world is closing in on us, and God seems distant from us. In these times we should know that the same God who loves us to the point of sending Jesus to die in our place on Calvary's cross will never leave us or forsake us, but will always be with us, offering peace and love and consolation.

Jesus' showing up among his disciples jolted them out of their fear and feelings of being deserted. While they were hiding for their own safety, he reminded them of the fundamental role they had in the world: To proclaim the gospel. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

*Lloyd Gooden, pastor,
Lebanon Moravian Church,
Lebanon, Pennsylvania*

The Moravian Church

Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017

